



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Hurricane Katrina Special Edition

SEMA posting Situation Reports on Homepage

Currently, we are issuing daily Situation Reports on our homepage. Please check the homepage often. Here is the link to the Situation Reports. <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>. If you cannot open this link please use the SEMA webpage <http://sema.dps.mo.gov> and go to the blue sidebar and click on Situation Reports. If you go to the SEMA webpage, you can also access Hurricane Katrina relief information

Helping Self-evacuated Residents

If you have self-evacuated residents in your community, please have them contact the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Once in the Red Cross system, the residents will receive vouchers for food, clothing, medicine (if needed) and temporary housing. The Red Cross will ALSO help these residents get into the FEMA tele-registration system.

800 Referral Numbers

FEMA Registration 800-621-FEMA or register on line: www.fema.gov

FEMA Registration for Speech & Hearing Impaired: 800-440-6728

Unemployment Insurance 866-4USADOL

Social Security Benefits 800-772-1213, or visit local Social Security office to get paper check.

HUD housing relocation 888-297-8685

SBA disaster assistance low-interest loans for business or homeowners through FEMA registration.

USPS encourages self-evacuated residents to fill out a change of address card

NOTE: These telephone numbers are for Hurricane Katrina Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana residents. We are finding some self-evacuated residents are staying with families or in Red Cross shelters in Missouri. It is VERY important for citizens to state, "I live at (home zip code)." If they say they are calling from Missouri, the call center will terminate the call.

Sheltering Operations In Missouri

SEMA is working with FEMA and the Cities of St. Louis and Kansas City for shelter accommodations for residents FEMA may fly out of the disaster area or Texas. The designated shelter in St. Louis is city-owned property adjacent to the Lambert International Airport, which can accommodate 2000 displaced residents. Kansas City has identified shelters, which can accommodate 500 displaced residents. Both of these shelters will be used when and if FEMA transports evacuees to Missouri for temporary sheltering operations. These shelters are not available to accommodate self-evacuated residents.

The American Red Cross in Missouri is working with over 4,100 individuals who self-evacuated seeking shelter with friends and family in the following locations: St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Branson, Kansas City, Boone County (Columbia), Mexico, Callaway County (Fulton), and Joplin.

The Partnership will have a conference call Thursday to get a handle on numbers and locations of self-evacuated residents AND other faith-based shelters in Missouri.

Donations Update

SEMA continues to urge citizens to make monetary donations to established disaster response organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way or other faith based organizations with disaster response missions. Evacuees will be given vouchers for food, medicine, clothing, and temporary housing.

SEMA's call center has been collecting donation offers of time, talent, and equipment from Missouri residents. The information is put into a database, which is shared with the Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana Donations Centers. The information is also being emailed to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to be deployed for the disaster response. Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership is also working to get resources to help the Missouri communities accommodating evacuees. Missouri's Dante Gliniecki is working in the Mississippi State Emergency Operations Center on establishing Donations and Resource Management, as well as tasking trained and directed volunteers.

Donations Telephone Numbers

SEMA: 866-526-6664 callers are transferred to SEMA.

Mississippi Donations Call Center: 866-230-8903

Alabama Donations Call Center: 877-273-5018

Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, c/o Division of Administration, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095

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